

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1-3 and add the new claim as shown below.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A refrigerating machine comprising: a plurality of compressors driven by motors, each of the motors including an armature having an iron core incorporating a squirrel cage conductor and a permanent magnet which is magnetized so as to allow the motor to serve as a synchronous motor; power source switches for supplying power to respective ones of the motors of the compressors directly from a commercial power source or for supplying power to respective ones of the motors by way of an inverter circuit; and a compressor drive circuit for selectively driving the respective ones of the motors at a power source frequency by a commercial power source or at a variable frequency by an inverter.

2. (currently amended) A refrigerating machine comprising a plurality of compressors driven by the motors each having an armature iron core incorporating a permanent magnet, wherein at least one of the motors is driven at a variable speed by an inverter through at least one power source switch, and each of ~~the others~~ other motors thereof is provided in its armature with a squirrel cage conductor in addition to the permanent magnet and is driven at a power source frequency by a commercial power source through at least an other power source switch, the at least one and other power source switch enabling selective connection to the commercial power source and to the inverter.

3. (currently amended) A refrigerating machine comprising a plurality of compressors driven by the motors each having an armature iron core incorporating a squirrel cage conductor and a permanent magnet, wherein the motors ~~can be~~ are selectively driven at a power source frequency by a commercial power source and also at a variable frequency by an inverter through at least one power source switch enabling selective connection to the commercial power source and the inverter.

4. (original) A refrigerating machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein scroll compressors are used as the compressors.

5. (original) A refrigerating machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein armature windings are concentrically wound in a stator in the each motor.

6. (original) A refrigerating machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein scroll compressors are used as the compressors, and armature windings are wound in a stator in each of the motors.

7. (original) A refrigerating machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein if a failure of the inverter is determined, at least one of the compressors is driven by the commercial power source.

8. (original) A refrigerating machine as set forth in claim 1, the plurality of compressors are all driven by motors each having an armature iron core incorporating a squirrel cage conductor and a permanent magnet which is magnetized so as to allow the motor to serve as a synchronous motor.

9. (original) A refrigerating machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein the plurality of compressors have types which are unified.

10. (original) A refrigerating machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein a pressure detecting device is provided on the discharge side of each of the compressor, and the motor is started depending upon a detected value of the pressure detecting device.

11. (new) A refrigerating machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein respective ones of the motors of the compressors which are driven by the inverter circuit are changed at predetermined time intervals.